

TEUTONS LOSE MORE VILLAGES

Russians Have Taken Nearly 100 Square Miles in Galicia

ADVANCED 15 MILES

Czar's Troops Take Neznion, Fifteen Miles Northwest of City of Stanislaw

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The Russians in their advance against the Austro-Germans in East Galicia have taken territory aggregating nearly 100 square miles, according to the Russian official communication issued last night. In pursuit of the Teutons the Russians have taken additional villages in the Dniester region.

South of the Dniester river, in the direction of Tyszenca, the Russians have driven the Austro-German forces back along the whole line for a breadth of 15 miles, it was officially announced in an earlier communication yesterday.

The announcement added that the Russians had captured the town of Tlumach as well as the region of the east of the Dniester river and the ridge of heights there.

Russian cavalry, it was stated, was pursuing the Austro-Germans southwest of the Kolomea and Stanislaw railway, in Galicia.

The total number of prisoners taken by the Russians in the battles on the Sereth river August 5 and 6, the official statement stated, was 166 officers and 8,415 men. The Russians in this region are advancing.

Berlin, Aug. 9.—Strong Russian forces Monday advanced against the Austro-German positions on the Tlumach-Ottynia line, to the south of the Dniester river, in Galicia, it is announced by the German army headquarters staff yesterday, and the forces of the Central Powers withdrew to previously prepared positions.

London, Aug. 9.—A proclamation foreshadowing the surrender of Lemberg, capital of Galicia, was issued by the Governor of the city on August 4, says a dispatch from Bucharest. On the same date, the dispatch adds, the evacuation of the city by the civilian population was ordered.

The proclamation declared the Austrians would return shortly to wrest Lemberg from the Russians.

London, Aug. 9.—A mighty triple-offensive, with several million men and thousands of guns engaged, is slowly squeezing in the armies of the central empires on every front.

Fighting stubbornly and in many instances with rare bravery, the Austro-German-Turkish forces are giving ground in every theater of war save the Balkans, where recent skirmishes may herald the beginning of another great allied push.

In the east the Czar's troops, extending the advantage reported in an early bulletin yesterday, have thrown back the Austro-Germans on a front of thirty miles, extending from Nadworna to Nieniof.

Nadworna, a railway city of 10,000, has been captured.

The Russian center is now within a few hours march of the important city of Stanislaw, whose capture will materially increase the danger in which Gen. von Bothmer's army now finds itself.

The most striking victory won by the Italians since the war began has partly opened the way to Trieste, the great objective of the Italian Isonzo campaign. The Austrians may offer desperate resistance at Goritz, but the apparent ease with which the Italians took the fortified Goritz bridgehead convinces military men that the Austrians have been forced to strip their lines to the danger point to meet the Russian menace in Galicia.

On the western front the allies have won another slice of the German second-line, advancing on a front of nearly four miles north of the Somme.

German counter-attacks caused the French to yield ground only slightly in this region last night.

Only on the Verdun front, where

BRITISH STILL EXTENDING LINE

Notable Gains Made By French Troops in Some Battles

CARRYING TRENCHES

Berlin Claims Engagements on Western Front Have Resulted Favorably to the Germans

London, Aug. 9.—The British pushed forward their lines at places east of Trones Wood on the Somme front Monday night, the War Office announced.

Notable gains have been made by the French in the Somme battle, according to the official statement. In two days they have carried German trenches along a front of more than three and a half miles to a depth of from 300 to 500 metres.

In the Verdun sector they have succeeded in regaining a foothold in the Thiaumont work.

French troops made an advance Monday night east of Hih 139, on the Somme front. Two attempts of the Germans to recapture trenches east of Monacu farm were defeated.

The French attack north of the Somme was made by infantry operating on the right of the British, in the course of an attack made by the British on Guillemont. The French took 40 prisoners.

The Germans early yesterday morning launched a series of powerful attacks on French positions from the village of Fleury to a point north of Thiaumont work. They obtained a footing in Thiaumont work, where fighting is still in progress. The attacks on Fleury were checked.

The British and French are continuing to make severe attacks along the Somme front, the German War Office announcement, made at Berlin yesterday says. These engagements have resulted generally in favor of the Germans, it is added. Near Pozieres and east of Hem the fighting continues.

MAY CALL OFF PRIMARY

Several Candidates in Seventh Virginia District Prefer Convention

Harrisonburg, Va. Aug. 9.—In an effort to straighten out the tangle over the September primary to select a successor to Congressman Jas. Hay, the Democratic Executive committee of the Seventh district will meet tomorrow in Washington.

When the committee met in Charlottesville several weeks ago and called a primary for September 2, it failed to state whether the primary was to select a candidate for Hay's unexpired term, for the new term beginning March 4, or for both.

Under the Virginia law there must be a 60-day notice of a primary and there is grave doubt as to the legality of the special primary for September 2. The heavy expenses attached to the primary, which fall on the candidates, have brought out protests.

Judge Harrison, the first candidate in the field, is an avowed champion of the primary. It is understood that Floyd Weaver and Senator Nat Early want a convention, State Senator H. H. Downing, of Front Royal, who has not decided whether or not to enter the race, is inclined to the convention.

In case a primary is held, it is believed that there will be some withdrawals, and that the fight will narrow down to Judge Harrison and one of the other candidates.

The Germans again re-occupied Thiaumont work in heavy fighting last night, are the Teutonic armies still on the offensive. The position has changed hands eight times since the Verdun campaign began.

Even in the far away Caucasus, allied troops are again marching victoriously. Both the Russian and Turkish war offices report the beginning of a new Russian offensive, in which the Turks admit they have been forced to yield some ground.

Alexandria Local News In Brief

There were no cases for trial in the police court this morning.

Osceola Tribe, No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men, will hold their regular meeting tonight at their hall on north Pitt street.

Seminole Tribe, No. 35, Improved Order of Red Men, will outline plans at a meeting tomorrow night for a big class initiation to take place in October.

Arrangements are being made by the Parent-Teachers' Association for a lawn fete to be given at an early date for the benefit of the children's auspices at the grounds of the Washington school.

A final decree has been granted by Judge Louis C. Barley, in the corporation court, in the case of Milie Grisby and others against Elmira Pace, confirming the report of Robinson Moncure, special bonded commissioner.

There will be a meeting of the members of the bar of the city of Alexandria tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock in the corporation court room to take action on the death of Samuel P. Fisher, which occurred today.

A class in rhythmic dancing for girls has been organized at the playgrounds on south Washington street by Miss Flora Kail, sister of Miss Harriet Kail, superintendent of the grounds. Instructions is given free every Thursday afternoon.

According to recent announcement in the Gazette, the Old Dominion Glass Company expects to start a fire in one of its furnaces next week and give operations to about 125 men and boys. A full working force will be employed when the plant opens completely the first of September.

Alexandria chapter of the American Red Cross held their regular meeting this morning at ten o'clock in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. A report of the committee of military relief, having in charge forwarding of supplies to the Alexandria Light Infantry on the Mexican frontier was received, giving results of soliciting carried on recently. The local chapter of the Red Cross is increasing its membership as a result of a campaign launched by it.

DEATH OF S. P. FISHER

Well-Known City Official Found Dead in Bed Shortly After Noon Today

The many friends and acquaintances of Samuel P. Fisher, Corporation Attorney, were startled shortly after noon today to learn that he had a short time before been found dead in bed at his home, 120 north Columbus street. The deceased was forty years old. He had been a sufferer from a chronic organic ailment for some time. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

The deceased was a son of the late Isaiah Fisher, and he had resided in Alexandria all his life. In early manhood, having been educated for the law, he was elected Corporation Attorney, succeeding Gardner L. Boothe, and was holding this position at the time of his death. He had previously been a member of the Board of Aldermen from the third ward. He is survived by four brothers, Mayor Thomas A. Fisher, John H. Fisher, Edward H. Fisher, the latter now residing in Missouri, Captain Charles L. Fisher, of the regular U. S. army and a sister, Mrs. William A. Smith, of Charlotte, N. C.

SPECIAL MEETING OF ELKS—A special meeting of Alexandria Lodge No. 758, B. P. O. E., will be held tonight at 8 o'clock for the purpose of taking action in regard to the death of Samuel P. Fisher, a former member. By order of Exalted Ruler, GEORGE W. BONTZ, Jr.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Frank L. Slaymaker is visiting her parents in Riverton, Va.

Mrs. Clarence Ball, of Aldan, Pa., is the guest of Mrs. James A. Long.

Miss Henrietta Fawcett of Pitt street leaves today for a short visit with friends at Sandy Springs, Md.

Mrs. J. F. Hepburn and son are camping on the upper Potomac with Capt. and Mrs. Ernest Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Cline and Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Birch have returned from a ten days' stay at Ocean View, Va.

Mrs. George Uhler, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Nellie Uhler, has returned from a trip to Virginia Beach.

William H. Leefer has returned to his home in Danville, after a stay with his grandmother, Mrs. W. B. Dobie in Wolfe street.

Miss Elizabeth Walker, of Marshall, Fauquier county, is the guest for the week of her aunt, Mrs. J. L. Grimm, in Duke street.

Mrs. Charles William Wattles in visiting her sister, Mrs. F. H. Hatchell, in Berryville, where her children are spending the summer.

Mrs. Gilbert Cox and daughters, Misses Sarah, Eliza, and Francis Cox have returned to their home in this city after a vacation of several weeks.

Miss Hilda Schneider and Miss Lucy Anderson have returned from a delightful visit to friends at Kinsale, Northumberland county, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore V. Ale of West End, and son, Burnette Ale, and son-in-law, Charles A. Duffey, have returned from an automobile trip to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Atlantic City and Southern New Jersey.

M. J. Connelly, former general foreman of the Southern Railway shops in this city but now general foreman of the Kentucky and Indiana Terminal Company, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Crump at 815 north Columbus street.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Col. Roosevelt cordially approved the proposed woman suffrage amendment yesterday in New York.

The Turkish ministry of finance has been empowered to accept from Germany a loan of \$125,000,000.

Eight minutes before adjournment last night the senate passed the Child Labor Law by a vote of 52 to 12.

Newspapers published in Basle, Switzerland, copies of which state that the King of Bavaria has informed a deputation of Bavarians that an "honorable peace" is certain before winter.

Leila May and Ina Marion, daughters of James H. Briggs, were drowned Monday while bathing in the Westfield River, at Westfield, Mass. The young women were wading across the river when Ina stepped into a deep hole.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETS

The finance and building committees of the Alexandria Hospital met last night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

Very satisfactory reports were presented, but upon examining the subscription lists it was found that a number of subscribers have not paid in their subscriptions.

As it is imperative that the money subscribed be paid in at the earliest possible moment, so as to meet the obligations incurred for the erection of the hospital, all subscribers are urged to pay their pledges by sending the amounts pledged to Arthur Herbert treasurer, at the earliest possible date.

A. D. BROCKETT
Chairman Finance Committee.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the M. E. Church South will meet this evening at 7 o'clock.

Nellie Yancey, colored, died at her home, 317 south Fayette street yesterday.

Holy Name Band will give its first annual excursion to Marshall Hall, August 22, the band planning to give a concert going down on the steamer.

Funeral services for the late Earl C. Simms were held at 221 north Patrick street today at 2:30 p. m., the services being conducted by the Rev. J. M. Nourse.

The M. D. D. Club of St. Mary's Catholic Academy is arranging for a large garden party to be given August 6 on the lawn of Miss Nora Baggett, in King street extended.

The summer school under the direction of C. A. Burrows, principal of the Washington School, is in progress at the Washington School, with a large daily attendance of pupils.

Plans for the evangelistic campaign were further discussed at a meeting in the First Baptist Church last night of the various committees and sub-committees connected with the affair.

In the office of Charles H. Callahan, commissioner of revenue, last night a meeting of the local board of tax review took place at which time the land books of the city were reviewed and arrangements made by the members to rapidly conclude the work before them. Beside Commissioner Callahan, Robinson Moncure, Edward E. Lawler, and Clinton Balenger are on the board.

A meeting of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company will be held Friday night, when delegates will be elected to attend the annual convention of the Virginia Firemen's Association to be held in Harrisonburg, the latter part of this month. As Columbia and Reliance Engine companies plan to send delegations of thirty members each, including delegates and alternates, it is expected that the number who will leave in the Hook and Ladder Company's delegation will bring the total Alexandria representation at the convention up to nearly one hundred.

PART OF THE DISTRICT

Judge Stafford Decides That Reclaimed Land Is Not Under Virginia's Jurisdiction

Judge Stafford in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia ruled today that the land recently reclaimed in what was previously known as "Baptizing Cove," in the southeastern section of Alexandria, is not a part of the state of Virginia, but of the District of Columbia. The ruling was upon a preliminary motion, and not upon the merits of the case. The suit now in the court is that of the Alexandria Marine Railway Company vs. the United States on a writ of ejectment. The plaintiffs are represented by J. R. and H. B. Eaton, of this city.

The history of this case has been told recently in the Gazette. The area, embracing about forty acres, had been gradually filling up for years. Five years ago a contractor for the government while dredging the river opposite this port asked the privilege of dumping the mud into the cove. This was granted by the parties who owned the abutting property and the result was the reclamation of the cove. The government from the first claimed the ground, alleging that it was a part of the District of Columbia from the fact that the district has jurisdiction over the river to the high water mark on both shores.

The ruling referred to above does not settle the question of ownership of the land, but simply that of jurisdiction. The issue will come up upon its merits later.

GORITIA NOW UNDER FIRE

Italians Trying to Shell Enemy From Key to Trieste

2,000,000 IN BATTLES

Ten Thousand Austrians Are Taken Prisoners During the Sanguinary Onslaughts

London, Aug. 9.—Before the echoes have died of the mutual congratulations of the Entente allied sovereigns, statesmen and generals on the auspicious opening of the third year of the war, comes news of further Russian successes and of a splendid victory for the Italian arms on the Isonzo front.

News of the Italian success came in an official announcement cabled from Rome yesterday. It stated that the Gorizia bridgehead had been captured by the Italians and that the city was being shelled to drive out the Austrians.

The Gorizia bridgehead was one of the most important defensive positions of the Austrians along the Isonzo front. It was the scene of heavy fighting in the early months of the war, when the Italians, after making considerable advances, were finally held up along the Isonzo line. Gorizia is 22 miles northwest of Trieste, one of the principal objectives of the Italian campaign, and regarded as the key to that position.

Gorizia is the principal city of the Isonzo Valley, with a population of about 30,000.

The surprising success of the Italians, who in two days have captured 10,000 prisoners, suggests that in addition to transferring General Koeyess, an able Austrian general, from the Trentino front to Galicia the Austrians also ventured to transfer troops from the Isonzo to the Russian front in an endeavor to stem the Russian advance.

General Cadorna's victory has caused in London great rejoicing as one of the most promising successes in the new allied operations and a demonstration of the constantly growing power of the allied offensive on all fronts. Russia's new victories south of the Dniester and southwest of the Stanislaw-Kolomea railway afford equal satisfaction and the prompt admission in the Berlin official statement of the retirement of the Austro-Germans south of the Dniester is taken here to indicate that the Russian victory in this quarter is weightier than yet announced by the Russian official dispatches. According to an unofficial report the evacuation of Lemberg, the Galician capital, has already been ordered.

In the meantime a new combined offensive by the Allies has begun on the western front, which is expected to lead to the severest fighting. Guillemont, around which heavy fighting is now in progress, is one of the strong positions in the German second system of defense and doubtless will be defended by the Germans, as was Pozieres, with the utmost stubbornness.

Vienna, Aug. 9.—The loss of the Gorizia bridgehead to the Italian forces is admitted in the Austrian official statement issued yesterday.

A withdrawal to the eastern Isonzo, the statement says, was necessary to avoid severe losses to the defenders of the bridgehead because of the desperate attacks made by the Italians.

MAIN TO BE FLUSHED

The mains of the Alexandria Water Company will be flushed on Friday and Saturday, August 11 and 12, at 6 p. m. Consumers please supply themselves with necessary water.

184-4t. GEORGE UHLER.

DEVELOPED & HARD SHELLED CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING STREET.

MEN DECLINE ARBITRATION

Railroad Magnates Facing Overwhelming Strike Vote

400,000 ARE BALLOTING

Employees Say They Have Found Arbitration Unsatisfactory Heretofore in Strikes

New York, Aug. 9.—Representatives of the railways, confronted with an overwhelming vote by 400,000 employees in favor of a strike, today proposed mediation by the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation when they met with representatives of the four employees' brotherhoods. The reply of the railroads was delivered by Elisha G. Lee, of the Pennsylvania.

On behalf of the employees, A. B. Garretson, head of the conductors' brotherhood, declined to accept mediation, declaring the employees had found arbitration unsatisfactory in previous instances, and, furthermore, that the two sides were in position to confer directly without an intermediary.

Lee responded that regardless of the attitude taken by the employees, the representatives of the railways would attempt to enlist the services of the Federal mediation board.

A. B. Garretson, president of the order of Railway Conductors, today said "no sane man" would refuse mediation, but his manner indicated plainly that the employees would insist upon the original demands.

REUNION AT MANASSAS

Two Branches of Methodism Meet on Bull Run Battle Field

Manassas, Va., Aug. 9.—The Rev. Dr. John F. Goucher, of Baltimore, representing Bishop Earl Cranston, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was a guest today at a Methodist reunion and picnic held on the Bull Run battle field. The reunion was in the nature of a welcome to Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to Manassas.

Bishop Hendrix and Dr. Goucher, expressing their desire for a unification of Methodism, clasped hands over the Manassas peace tablet, erected here to commemorate the national jubilee of 1911.

Visiting ministers and other guests were taken by motor to Sudley Methodist Episcopal Church South, which stands on the edge of the two battle fields and was used repeatedly as a hospital during the war between the States. The present structure is built of wood and replaced the brick building during the war. Gen. Jackson is said to have resorted to Sudley for prayer as his troops marched by in 1862.

Addresses were made by Bishop Hendrix and Dr. Goucher, each speaker dwelling on the benefits of Methodist unity. Bishop Hendrix's speech was woven around the word "Togetherness," which is to be placed under a bronze figure which will be unveiled at an early date.

The Rev. C. K. Millican, pastor of Sudley church, offered a warm welcome to his distinguished guests. The jubilee invocation was made by the Rev. George T. Taylor, of Fairfax Courthouse.

Dr. Goucher, accompanied by Dr. J. F. Heisse, motored from Baltimore. Bishop Hendrix is the guest of his former schoolmate, Lieut. G. Carr Round, former president of the United States Veteran Signal Corps Association. They were graduated half a century ago from Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Martin E. Greene has purchased the business of Mr. T. U. Rowley, at 107 north Washington street, where he will continue to carry on the business of cleaning and pressing of clothes and solicits the patronage of the public generally. 184-3t.